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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement to elect a single species, as set forth in the Office Action mailed May 26, 2004, applicants hereby elect the species I, exemplified in Fig. 2. Claims 1-18 and 28-45 are readable on the elected species.

In view of this election, examination on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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